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Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

Addendum

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Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

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draft resolution

Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/18 of 10 November 1978, 50/3 of 16 October 1995, 52/2 of 17 October 1997, 54/25 of 15 November 1999, 56/45 of 7 December 2001, 57/43 of 21 November 2002, 59/22 of 8 November 2004, 61/7 of 20 October 2006 and 63/236 of 22 December 2008, as well as its decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/266 of 16 May 2007 and 63/306 of 9 September 2009 on multilingualism,

Considering that the International Organization of la Francophonie, which is made up of 72 States Members of the United Nations representing more than one third of the members of the General Assembly, is promoting multilateral cooperation in areas of common interest,

Bearing in mind the articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations through regional cooperation,

Bearing in mind also that, according to the Charter of la Francophonie adopted on 23 November 2005 at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie, held in Antananarivo, the objectives of the International Organization of la Francophonie

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are to assist in the establishment and development of democracy, the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts and support for the rule of law and for human rights, the intensification of dialogue between cultures and civilizations, the establishment of closer ties among peoples through mutual knowledge and strengthening of their solidarity through multilateral cooperation activities with a view to promoting the growth of their economies, and the promotion of education and training,

Welcoming the steps taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie to strengthen its ties with the organizations of the United Nations system and with international and regional organizations with a view to attaining its objectives,

Affirming the importance of a balanced and effective multilateral system that is representative of today's world, one that is based upon a strong and renewed United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the commitment of the International Organization of la Francophonie to multilateral cooperation for peace, good governance and the rule of law, economic governance and solidarity, the environment, sustainable development, and climate change,

Noting also with satisfaction the commitments made at its High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010, and reaffirmed by the Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common language, at their thirteenth summit, held in Montreux, Switzerland, from 22 to 24 October 2010, and their determination to work together to bring about, through targeted action, added value in these areas,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 63/236,[1]

Noting with satisfaction the substantial progress achieved in cooperation between the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and programmes and the International Organization of la Francophonie,

Convinced that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie serves the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting the desire of the two organizations to consolidate, develop and strengthen the ties that exist between them in the political, economic, social and cultural fields,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and welcomes the strengthened and fruitful cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that the International Organization of la Francophonie participates actively in the work of the United Nations, in particular on issues of economic and political governance and makes a valuable contribution to the strengthening of cooperation and complementarity between the economic forums of the United Nations, the heart of world governance in accordance with the

[1] See A/65/382-S/2010/490.

declaration adopted by the Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common language, at their thirteenth summit, held in Montreux, from 22 to 24 October 2010;

3. *Notes with great satisfaction* the recent strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie in the area of human rights and celebrates the initiatives taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie in the areas of crisis and conflict prevention, the promotion of peace and support for democracy and the rule of law, in accordance with the commitments set forth in the Bamako Declaration[2] and reaffirmed at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie on Conflict Prevention and Human Security, held on 13 and 14 May 2006 in Saint Boniface, Canada;

4. *Appreciates* the real contribution that the International Organization of la Francophonie is making, in collaboration with the United Nations in Haiti, the Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, Madagascar, Niger, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, the Central African Republic and in Chad;

5. *Welcomes* the initiation of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie, with the participation of other regional and subregional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, in the fields of early warning and conflict prevention, and encourages the pursuit of this initiative with a view to formulating practical recommendations to facilitate the establishment of relevant operational mechanisms, where necessary;

6. *Appreciates* the new impetus given to the participation of States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie, in peacekeeping operations, and recalls that it is up to the United Nations to make sure that these operations are multilingual and draws attention to the strengthened cooperation between the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat with a view to increasing the number of French-speaking personnel in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

7. *Encourages* the continuation of efforts by both the States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Organization itself, in line with the principle of shared responsibilities with the Secretary-General, to increase the number of French-speaking civilian and military contingents on missions to francophone countries, to take specific measures with a view to building their capacities and to facilitate access by French-speaking personnel to leadership positions in peacekeeping operations;

8. *Welcomes* the participation of the International Organization of la Francophonie in the Peacebuilding Commission's work on Burundi, Guinea-Bissau and the Central African Republic, and strongly encourages the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to cooperate actively;

9. *Notes with satisfaction* the continued collaboration between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie in the area of electoral monitoring and assistance, and advocates the strengthening of cooperation between the two Organizations in that area;

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[2] A/CONF.192/PC/23, annex.

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for including the International Organization of la Francophonie in the periodic meetings he holds with heads of regional organizations, and invites him to continue doing so, taking into account the role played by the International Organization of la Francophonie in conflict prevention and support for democracy and the rule of law;

11. *Welcomes* the fact that the thirteenth summit of la Francophonie led to concrete commitments by States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie to promote the emergence of equitable global governance by pursuing efforts aimed at:

(a) mobilizing with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to education;

(b) taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable States, in particular in the areas of sustainable development, food security, the environment and biodiversity;

(c) reforming financial regulations and the international monetary system;

(d) combating cross-cutting threats which compromise international peace and stability;

12. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as the regional commissions, including the Economic Commission for Africa, to collaborate to this end with the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie by identifying new synergies in favour of development, in particular in the areas of poverty elimination, energy, sustainable development, education, training and the development of new information technologies, in particular with a view to meeting the Millennium Development Goals;

13. *Expresses its gratitude* to the International Organization of la Francophonie for the steps it has taken in recent years to promote cultural and linguistic diversity and dialogue between cultures and civilizations;

14. *Welcomes* the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and encourages the International Organization of la Francophonie to work in synergy with that Entity in the spirit of the Francophone Declaration on Violence against Women adopted on 1 March 2010;

15. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie for their sustained efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two organizations, thereby serving their mutual interests in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

16. *Welcomes* the involvement of the countries that use French as a common language, particularly through the International Organization of la Francophonie, in the preparation for, conduct of and follow-up to international conferences organized under United Nations auspices;

17. *Further welcomes* the high-level meetings held periodically between the United Nations Secretariat and the secretariat of the International Organization of la Francophonie, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la

Francophonie, to encourage the holding of periodic meetings between their representatives in order to promote the exchange of information, coordination of activities and identification of new areas of cooperation;

18. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie, to continue to promote cooperation between the two Organizations;

19. *Takes note* of the introduction of a new human resources management tool, Inspira, which integrates selection, recruitment, performance management, training and career development at the United Nations and hopes that that tool will help to strengthen multilingualism in accordance with the relevant provisions on that issue;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie".

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Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/18 of 10 November 1978, 50/3 of 16 October 1995, 52/2 of 17 October 1997, 54/25 of 15 November 1999, 56/45 of 7 December 2001, 57/43 of 21 November 2002, 59/22 of 8 November 2004, 61/7 of 20 October 2006 and 63/236 of 22 December 2008, as well as its decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998,

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Considering that the International Organization of la Francophonie, which is made up of 72 States Members of the United Nations representing more than one third of the members of the General Assembly, is promoting multilateral cooperation in areas of common interest,

Bearing in mind the articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations through regional cooperation,

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Bearing in mind also that, according to the Charter of la Francophonie adopted on 23 November 2005 at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie, held in Antananarivo, the objectives of the International Organization of la Francophonie are to assist in the establishment and development of democracy, the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts and support for the rule of law and for human rights, the intensification of dialogue between cultures and civilizations, the establishment of closer ties among peoples through mutual knowledge and strengthening of their solidarity through multilateral cooperation activities with a view to promoting the growth of their economies, and the promotion of education and training,

Welcoming the steps taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie to strengthen its ties with the organizations of the United Nations system and with international and regional organizations with a view to attaining its objectives,

Affirming the importance of a balanced and effective multilateral system that is representative of today's world, one that is based upon a strong and renewed United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the commitment of the International Organization of la Francophonie to multilateral cooperation for peace, democratic governance and the rule of law, economic governance and solidarity, the environment, sustainable development, and climate change,

Noting also with satisfaction the commitments made at its High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010, and reaffirmed by the Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common language at the thirteenth Summit of la Francophonie held in Montreux, Switzerland, from 22 to 24 October 2010, and their determination to work together to bring about, through targeted action, added value in these areas,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 63/236,[1]

Noting with satisfaction the substantial progress achieved in cooperation between the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and programmes and the International Organization of la Francophonie,

Convinced that strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie serves the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting the desire of the two organizations to consolidate, develop and strengthen the ties that exist between them in the political, economic, social and cultural fields,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and welcomes the strengthened and fruitful cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in accordance with the declaration adopted by Heads of State and Government of countries using French as a common

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language, at the thirteenth Summit of la Francophonie, held in Montreux from 22 to 24 October 2010, the International Organization of la Francophonie participates actively in the work of the United Nations, whose purposes, as set forth in its Charter, include to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of common ends;

3. *Notes with great satisfaction* the recent strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie in the area of human rights, and commends the initiatives taken by the International Organization of la Francophonie in the areas of crisis and conflict prevention, promotion of peace, support for democracy and the rule of law, in accordance with the commitments set forth in the Bamako Declaration[2] and reaffirmed at the Ministerial Conference of la Francophonie on Conflict Prevention and Human Security, held on 13 and 14 May 2006 in Saint-Boniface, Canada;

4. *Welcomes* the genuine contribution that the International Organization of la Francophonie is making, in cooperation with the United Nations, in Haiti, the Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, Madagascar, the Niger, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, the Central African Republic and Chad;

5. *Welcomes* the initiation of cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie, with the participation of other regional and subregional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, in the fields of early warning and crisis and conflict prevention, and encourages the pursuit of this initiative with a view to formulating practical recommendations to facilitate the establishment of relevant operational mechanisms, where necessary;

6. *Welcomes* the new impetus given to the participation of States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie in peacekeeping operations, and recalls that it is up to the United Nations to preserve the multilingualism of these operations and draws attention to the strengthened cooperation between the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat with a view to increasing the number of French-speaking personnel in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

7. *Encourages* the continuation of efforts by both the States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Organization itself, taking into account the authority of the United Nations Secretary-General, to increase the supply of French-speaking civilian and military contingents on missions to francophone countries, and to build their capacities, including access by French-speaking personnel to leadership positions in peacekeeping operations in francophone countries;

8. *Welcomes* the participation of the International Organization of la Francophonie in the Peacebuilding Commission's work on Burundi, Guinea-Bissau and the Central African Republic, and strongly encourages the International Organization of la Francophonie and the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to cooperate actively;

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electoral monitoring and assistance, and encourages the strengthening of cooperation between the two Organizations in that area;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for including the International Organization of la Francophonie in the periodic meetings he holds with heads of regional organizations, and invites him to continue doing so, taking into account the role played by the International Organization of la Francophonie in conflict prevention and support for democracy and the rule of law;

11. *Welcomes* the fact that the thirteenth Summit of la Francophonie led to a concrete commitment by States members of the International Organization of la Francophonie to take action by pursuing efforts aimed at:

(a) Mobilizing with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to education;

(b) Taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable States, in particular in the areas of sustainable development, food security, the environment and biodiversity;

(c) Reforming financial regulations and the international monetary system;

(d) Combating cross-cutting threats which compromise international peace and sustainability;

12. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as the regional commissions, including the Economic Commission for Africa, to collaborate to this end with the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie by identifying new synergies in favour of development, in particular in the areas of poverty elimination, energy, sustainable development, education, training and the development of new information technologies, in particular with a view to meeting the Millennium Development Goals;

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18. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie, to continue to promote cooperation between the two Organizations;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie".

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Global health and foreign policy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 63/33 of 26 November 2008 and 64/108 of 10 December 2009,

Recalling also the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, especially those related to global health,

Welcoming the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[1] including the section entitled "Promoting global public health for all to achieve the Millennium Development Goals",

Welcoming also the launching of the Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, which aims at supporting national plans and strategies in health matters, including the reduction of maternal and child mortality,

Welcoming further the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women,

Recalling its resolution 64/265 of 13 May 2010, on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and welcoming the decision to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly in September 2011, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

[1] See resolution 65/1.

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Welcoming the plans to hold, in 2011, the Second Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, in Bangkok from 25 to 29 January, during the Prince Mahidol Award Conference, the World Health Organization Conference on Social Determinants of Health, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 21 October and the First international ministerial conference on healthy lifestyles and non-communicable diseases, in Moscow and to undertake, also in 2011, the General Assembly comprehensive HIV/AIDS review,

Acknowledging the emergence of a growing worldwide movement in support of universal access to health care as a means to promote and protect the right of every human being to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health,

Reaffirming the commitment to fully and effectively implement the Beijing Platform for Action,[2] the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development[3] and the outcomes of their review conferences, including the commitments relating to sexual and reproductive health and the promotion and protection of all human rights in this context,

Acknowledging that inequities in access to health care can increase during times of crisis and that special efforts should be made to maintain public health and primary health-care functions during these periods,

Stressing the importance of aid targeted to the health sector as a complement to domestic financing, as well as of innovative sources of financing and North-South cooperation in support of national plans and strategies aimed at strengthening national health systems,

Calling for the fulfilment of all existing official development assistance-related commitments,

Acknowledging the various national, regional and subregional initiatives to enhance South-South cooperation, particularly in the field of health, and that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation,

Reiterating the willingness of Member States to cooperate in health issues and in promoting universal access to medicines that are safe, affordable, effective and of good quality, and to continue efforts to increase global vaccine production capacity in order to increase availability and achieve equity in the access to vaccines in situations of pandemics,

Reaffirming the right to use, to the fullest extent, the provisions contained in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement),[4] the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health,[5] the decision of the General Council of the World

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[2] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[4] See *Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994* (GATT secretariat publication, Sales No. GATT/1994-7).

[5] World Trade Organization, document WT/MIN(01)/DEC/2. Available from http://docsonline.wto.org.

Trade Organization of 30 August 2003 on the implementation of paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration[6] and, when formal acceptance procedures are completed, the amendments to article 31 of the TRIPS Agreement,[7] which provide flexibilities for the protection of public health, and, in particular to promote access to medicines for all, and encouraging the provision of assistance to developing countries in this regard and calling for a broad and timely acceptance of the amendments to article 31 of the TRIPS Agreement, as proposed by the World Trade Organization's General Council in its decision of 6 December 2005,[7]

Acknowledging the need to improve research and development in neglected tropical diseases, and welcoming, in this regard, the first World Health Organization report on neglected tropical diseases,[8]

Welcoming the adoption by the sixty-third World Health Assembly of the Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel as a guide to respond to the concerns over the lack of and imbalanced distribution of health workers within countries and throughout the world, in particular the shortage in Africa, and the retention of health personnel, in a manner that strengthens the health systems of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island States,

Noting with appreciation the adoption by the World Health Assembly on 21 May 2010 of its resolution 63.15, on the monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, as well as its resolution 63.19, in which it requests the preparation of a World Health Organization HIV/AIDS strategy for 2011-2015, to be presented at the sixty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing that mental health problems are of major importance to all societies and are significant contributors to the burden of disease and the loss of quality of life and have huge economic and social costs, and welcoming the 2010 report of the World Health Organization on mental health and development,[9]

Noting the role of the Foreign Policy and Global Health Initiative in promoting synergy between foreign policy and global health, as well as the contribution of the Oslo Ministerial Declaration,[10] which was reaffirmed, with renewed actions and commitments by the Ministerial Declaration of 22 September 2010,[11]

1. *Notes* with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General[12] and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Calls* for more attention to health as an important policy issue on the international agenda;

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[6] See World Trade Organization, document WT/L/540 and Corr.1. Available from http://docsonline.wto.org.

[7] See World Trade Organization, document WT/L/641. Available from http://docsonline.wto.org.

[8] World Health Organization, "Working to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases" (Geneva, 2010).

[9] World Health Organization, "Mental health and development: Targeting people with mental health conditions as a vulnerable group" (Geneva, 2010).

[10] A/63/591, annex.

[11] See A/65/538.

[12] A/65/399.

3. *Encourages* Member States to consider the close relationship between foreign policy and global health and to recognize that global health challenges require concerted and sustained efforts in order to further promote a global policy environment supportive of global health;

4. *Recognizes* that, despite some progress made, challenges in global health, including major inequities and vulnerabilities within and among countries and regions, still remain and demand persistent attention;

5. *Acknowledges* that progress in global health is dependent primarily on national policies and actions and on international cooperation and partnerships, which could help to respond to major global challenges and crises;

6. *Underscores* the urgency of strengthening health systems by improving basic infrastructures, human and technical resources and the provision of health facilities, and of ensuring the accessibility, affordability and quality of health-care services as well as sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation;

7. *Stresses* the importance of achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals, especially with the objective of eradicating poverty and ensuring socio-economic development;

8. *Underlines* the importance of realizing the right of everyone to education as an integral part of a healthy society and, in this context, reaffirms that access to primary education for all constitutes one of the most effective means to promote public health and basic sanitation and to prevent diseases;

9. *Acknowledges* that gender equality, the empowerment of women, women's full enjoyment of all human rights and the eradication of poverty are essential to economic and social development;

10. *Underlines* the central role of the global partnership for development and the importance of goal 8 in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and recognizes that without substantial international support, several of the goals are likely to be missed in many developing countries by 2015;

11. *Reiterates* that each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development and that the role of national policies, domestic resources and development strategies cannot be overemphasized;

12. *Stresses* the need to strengthen health systems so that they deliver equitable health outcomes as a basis for a comprehensive approach to achieving millennium development goals 4, 5 and 6, underlining the need to build sustainable national health systems and strengthen national capacities through attention to, inter alia, service delivery, health systems financing, including appropriate budgetary allocations, the health workforce, health information systems, procurement and distribution of medicines, vaccines and technologies, sexual and reproductive health care and political will in leadership and governance;

13. *Acknowledges* the need to further address the issue of governance for global health as health is increasingly being challenged by new realities of an interdependent world;

14. *Acknowledges also* the need to make the global health architecture more effective, efficient and responsive, in order to, inter alia, bring more coherence to the delivery of health outcomes and enhance health equity;

15. *Reaffirms* the central role of the United Nations system in meeting the challenges of global health in a changing environment and the need to enhance the visibility of health issues in the different United Nations forums;

16. *Recognizes* the leading role of the World Health Organization as the primary specialized agency for health, including its roles and functions with regard to health policy in accordance with its mandate;

17. *Stresses* the continued need for coordination and coherence at national and international levels to enhance effectiveness of health initiatives and partnerships;

18. *Urges* Member States to continue to consider health issues in the formulation of foreign policy;

19. *Encourages* Member States, the United Nations system, academic institutions and networks to further increase their capacity for the training of diplomats and health officials, in particular those from developing countries, on global health and foreign policy, by developing best practices and guidelines for training and open-source information, and educational and training resources for this purpose;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and with other relevant multilateral institutions, as appropriate, to give high priority to generating and collecting comparable and reliable data on health-worker migration, distribution and coverage within the framework of the Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, with the participation of relevant programmes, funds and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and in consultation with Member States, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, under the item entitled "Global health and foreign policy", which, inter alia:

(a) Reflects on ways to improve the coordination, coherence and effectiveness of governance for global health;

(b) Discusses the role of the State and other stakeholders in improving the coordination, coherence and effectiveness of governance for global health;

(c) Presents recommendations on enhancing the coordination of policies directed to the social determinants of health.